WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. OUEN ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th MARCH 2018

Question

Since the introduction of driving licence application forms which provide applicants with an option to join the Organ Donor Register, how many applicants have indicated they wish to take up that option and how many of those have been transferred onto the Register?

Answer

The total number drivers who have consented to organ donation when applying for a driving licence is 14,720. However this may well include persons who have registered separately with NHSBT and it is not currently possible to ascertain the degree of duplication.

There have been ongoing delays in finalising the data transfer to NHS Blood & Transplant (NHSBT). Last year NHSBT advised that it would not be possible for them to consider taking on new ODR (Organ Donor Register) Access Partners at this time as they were undergoing a significant ICT Transformation and as such resources required to support new access partners for the Organ Donor Register was not currently available. These difficulties were not identified when it was initially agreed to collect the data on Jersey driving licence application forms.

NHSBT are now proposing that the main route to new registrations should be the NHSBT website. This would mean work will cease on the ongoing sharing of data with Jersey no longer processing this data. It would also mean that issues such as GDPR, organ preference updates and other governance issues are controlled via a single NHSBT-led route (NHSBT will be able to provide analysis of registrations via this route, should this be required). NHSBT will be provided with a full dataset of the information already held and the Jersey driving licence application form will be amended so that information is no longer gathered.